

REPORT

On the State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence :

Dear Brethren, composing the churches that make up the Mount Pisgah Association, We are again in annual session, and this time with Pleasant Hill Church, by whom we have been cordially welcomed and abundantly sustained. The representation from the churches has been nearly full, reporting the churches generally in peace, maintaining order, and contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. All the churches composing the Association have had preaching during the year, and though the number of baptisms reported does not equal that of some former years, yet it is creditable, showing the onward course of the divine work.

Our present session has been harmonious, and the preaching faithful and comforting. Two churches have been added to the body this session. Judging from the tone of the letters, and the spirit manifested by the delegates, we conclude there is no evidence of declension in religious interest in the churches composing this body.

In reviewing the past, your committee feels there is much to be thankful for, and a wide opening for usefulness in the future. Let us enter the opening, and in faithfulness occupy. We must maintain the spirituality and purity of our membership. Character, not numbers, should be our motto. We must not receive the unconverted, as it would be unprofitable to them, and dangerous to us. Let us remember that the world is man's natural state, and that a church of Christ is composed of persons redeemed, and called out of the world. Great care should be taken to train and indoctrinate our young members, teaching them to understand why we are Baptists, and why we do not fellowship and commune with the Pedobaptists. Our people have need of knowledge—scriptural knowledge. "Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, which is the good way and walk therein, and ye shall find rest to your souls." There can no good come by introducing new and questionable methods; but they engender strife and questions that do not edify. We respectfully urge the churches composing the body to faithfulness in all things, and liberality in giving for the spread of the glorious Gospel of Christ. "They that water shall be watered." They that sow liberally shall reap also liberally; but they that sow sparingly shall reap also sparingly." May God bless the membership of the churches of our dear old Association.

N. L. CLARK, Chairman.

J. M. MOORE,

L. P. MURRELL,

W. TOLBERT,

T. I. WELLS,

P. P. HATCH,

T. L. MOORE,

W. P. VAUGHN,

B. W. DEARING,

Committee.

PROCEEDINGS OF MOUNT PISGAH ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, NEWTON CO. MISS.,

September 14th, 1889.

Mount Pisgah Association convened to-day in her annual meeting for 1889, with Pleasant Hill Church, Newton Co. Miss., being the 52nd session of this body. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Arnold from Rom. 4:3; Theme—Justification by faith.

EVENING SESSION.

After refreshments the house was called to order by the Moderator. Opening prayer by Elder J. J. Ingram.

Elders A. J. Freeman, L. M. Philips, and J. E. Chapman were appointed to read letters.

Brethren N. T. Johnson, C. C. Roebuck, and Aaron Pearce were appointed a Committee on Finance.

Elder L. J. Caughman appointed to preach at the stand.

Letters were read from 45 churches and the delegates seated.

The Association was organized by re-electing Elder N. L. Clark, Moderator; J. M. Moore, Secretary, and J. D. Hardy, Treasurer.

Visiting ministers were invited to seats with the body, when Elders A. Gressett, W. J. David, missionary from Africa, and J. B. Gambrell, of the Baptist Record, responded.

Petitionary letters were called for. One was presented from Union and one from Bethel church, which were admitted members of the body, and the delegates welcomed by the Moderator and seated.

Correspondence from sister associations was then called for. Brother G. W. Boyd from the Salem, and Elder L. J. Caughman and C. J. Tullis from the New Liberty, presented themselves and were received as messengers from their Associations.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Preaching: Pastor and Deacons of Pleasant Hill Church, with Wm. Graham and J. J. Philips.

On Missions: Elders J. E. Chapman, J. J. Ingram, W. P. Vaughn and T. M. Kenedy and J. D. McCord.

On Nominations: J. D. Hardy, G. G. Chipman, T. G. Coker, J. P. Pace, J. M. Hutson.

On Education: Elder A. J. Freeman, L. A. Davis, T. J. Graham, W. I. Pippin, T. J. Hamilton.

On Publications: Elder T. I. Wells, J. T. Savel, D. M. Stroud, B. K. Cleveland, and Lee M. Philips.

On Queries and Requests: Elder L. P. Murrell, J. C. McBeath, F. Sansing, H. Robinson, T. M. Gould.

On the State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence: Elder N. L. Clark, L. P. Murrell, J. M. Moore, T. I. Wells, W. Tolbert, P. P. Hatch, T. L. Moore, W. P. Vaughn, B. W. Dearing.

On Sunday Schools: Elder L. M. Philips, W. L. Kelly, B. W. Dearing, H. W. Laird, B. W. Sansing.

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On Temperance: Elder J. W. Arnold, L. B. Fancher, W. M. Sadler, H. Bruce, J. A. Scott, T. W. Gordon.

The Committee on Preaching Report: That Elder L. M. Philips conduct a prayer-meeting to-morrow at 9 o'clock a. m., Elder W. J. David lecture on the African Mission at 10, Elder A. J. Freeman preach the annual discourse on Missions at 11, and that Elder J. B. Gambrell preach at 3 p. m. L. P. MURRELL, Chairman.

Resolved, That a public collection be taken up for Home and Foreign Missions at the close of the forenoon service to-morrow. Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

Prayer-meeting at 9 o'clock, conducted by Elder J. M. Philips.

At 10 an interesting lecture from Brother W. J. David, the returned African Missionary, concerning the habits, customs, and worship of the heathen African. At 11 Brother Freeman preached an instructive discourse on Missions, using for a text John 10:16; Theme: The Church in her relation to the World. At the close a collection was taken up for Missions as follows: For Indian Missions, \$7.10; Foreign, \$11.66; Domestic, \$9.06. In the afternoon Brother Gambrell preached a very enjoyable sermon on the practical duties of the Christian religion. Text 3:13, 14.

SECOND DAY—MONDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK.

The Moderator opened the services with song, Elder L. M. Philips leading in prayer. Called the roll and read the rules of decorum.

Appointed correspondence to sister Associations as follows, viz:

TO THE OCTIBBEHA: J. M. Moore, F. Sansing.

TO THE SALEM: J. E. Chapman, A. J. Freeman.

BETHLEHEM: T. I. Wells, G. W. Rainer.

MOUNT OLIVE: L. M. Philips, Joe Rushing.

HARMONY: J. J. Ingram, S. J. Tullos.

By motion re-opened correspondence with the Springfield Association, L. M. Philips and T. M. Gould agreeing to go.

TO NEW LIBERTY: N. L. Clark, B. W. Dearing.

RESOLVED, That the corresponding messengers be authorized to write their own certificates of appointment, signing the names of the Moderator and Clerk of this Association.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

ON NOMINATIONS: Report read and adopted. *Appendix A.*

ON MISSIONS: The report was read. Brethren Freeman, Gambrell, and W. J. David made good speeches favoring earnest mission work. Many were melted to tears while Brother David was describing some thrilling incidents occurring in his African Mission. While the question was

pending a voluntary contribution was called for by Brother Gambrel, to aid the Baptist Mission at Havana, Cuba, in securing a house of worship. Amount contributed was \$20. The report was then adopted. *Appendix B.*

ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Report read and after speeches by Elder L. M. Philips and T. M. Gould it was adopted. *Appendix C.*

ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS: Report read and adopted. *Appendix D.*

ON FINANCE: Report read and adopted. *Appendix E.*

AFTERNOON SESSION.

ON TEMPERANCE: Report read. Talks on the report by Brethren E. Sansing, J. W. Arnold, and J. B. Gambrel when it was adopted. *Appendix F.*

ON PUBLICATIONS: Read the report. Brother Gambrel made some remarks opposing the report; Brethren Freeman and N. L. Clark favored it. It was adopted. *Appendix G.*

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE: The report was read and adopted. (See first page.)

ON EDUCATION: Report read. Talks favoring the report were made by Elders Freeman and Gambrel, when it was adopted. *Appendix H.*

Appointed correspondence to the General Association, viz: G. W. Rainer, A. J. Freeman, L. P. Murrell, Aaron Pearce, D. T. Chapman, D. M. Stroud, L. M. Philips, T. M. Kenedy, Thos. Keith, N. L. Clark, J. M. Moore, B. W. Dearing, T. J. Williams, T. I. Wells, J. M. Porter, T. L. Moore, L. A. Davis, F. Sansing, Wm. Graham, B. W. Sansing, H. W. Laird.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. RESOLVED, That we, the delegates from the churches composing this body, pledge ourselves to present the subject of missions before our churches, and urge a collection for the work, either Foreign, Domestic, or Indian.

2. RESOLVED, That our secretary be authorized to have the minutes printed where he can get a good job most promptly done, paying for the same when it is so done, and he approves it, and that he distribute them to the churches as speedily as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee and postage, reserving a sufficient number for corresponding purposes.

3. RESOLVED, That any funds remaining in the hands of the treasurer of this body after current expenses have been met, and all funds in his hands belonging to the General Association, be turned over to the treasurer of that body.

4. RESOLVED, That we most heartily tender the thanks of this body to Pleasant Hill Church, and this community generally, for their kindness, and their generous support of the body during the meeting.

5. RESOLVED, That we now adjourn to meet with Bethel Church, Newton County, Miss., on Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1890. A song was sung, the parting hand taken, and closing prayer by Elder E. P. Murrell. N. L. CLARK, Mod.
J. M. MOORE, Secretary.

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APPENDICES.

A—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations report: That Elder S. J. Tullos preach the next introductory sermon, and Elder J. J. Ingram, his alternate; also that Elder J. M. Moore preach the next annual sermon on Missions, and Elder L. B. Fancher his alternate. Respectfully submitted,

J. D. HARRY, Chairman,

B—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions submit the following report: The Mission work that is being done in our own and foreign lands is so extensive that we can not give a correct summary of it all. This work is the *chief* work, the great and most important and necessary work of God's people. The blessed Jesus, just before his ascension, gave to us as his people, our marching orders, to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," coupling with it the precious promise: "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the World." This command has never been revoked, but is as binding on us to-day as it was on his apostles and first disciples. When we think of the wonderful success of our missionaries, it ought to stimulate us to greater efforts in the future. We would recommend first, that we continue to support the mission work of our beloved General Association, by our prayers, our labors and contributions, until the destitution in our home-field is supplied. We would call particular attention to the Indian work in our midst. Brethren, this work which has so long been neglected, is now upon us. See what wonderful success has attended this work, and let us enlarge our efforts and prayers for still greater success. Look at Mexico, our next door neighbor, overrun with Catholics, and nearly if not all the Southern part of the American continent blinded by Catholicism or in heathenism. This has strong claims upon us. Look over the mighty Atlantic to the heathen nations of the East, Africa, Asia, China, and many others not necessary to mention, and see what great openings God has made for us, and commands us in his word to go and occupy the land. Let us heed the Macedonian cry coming from every quarter of the earth: "Come over and help us," God has placed before us the grandest opportunities that his people have ever had. Let us remember that these opportunities and privileges, bring with them correspondingly great obligations.

O People of God! Arise as one man, "and come up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CHAPMAN, Chm'n.

C—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee feel at a loss somewhat in getting up the present report, not that we hesitate to encourage a work so important, but from the fact that this body has year after year endeavored to encourage the work, and urged the churches to take action in the matter, and still to a great extent the churches seem indifferent on the subject. It is evident that a knowledge of the right way will not benefit us or those dependent upon us for instruction, if we fail to practice what we know. Activity is the foundation of success—the well-spring of achievement. By this and this alone may we hope to accomplish great and good things. The one thing needful in our churches with regard to Sunday School work is action. The work of instructing the young in right ways, in the way of truth, and righteousness, is a work of great importance to us as a people. If we neglect this work ourselves, there are others among us teaching for doctrines the commandments of men, standing ready to relieve us of the labor and responsibility. Then let our churches awake to the great importance of the matter and organize and maintain Sunday Schools in every church, officer them from the church, and let the work be under the supervision of the church. Let us instruct our children in the way of life, teaching those things that will make them wise unto salvation, and then when by the grace of God they are converted, they will be better prepared to enter upon the divine life, and it will strengthen them for their labors in the Master's vineyard. Brethren, remember, that if we sleep we may expect the enemy to be busy sowing tares.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. PHILIPS, Chairman.

D—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee find a request from Sylvaarena church for letter of dismission from this body. We recommend her request to be granted. We also find six churches requesting the next meeting of this body. We recommend the body to hold her next meeting with Bethel Church, Newton County, Miss.

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. MURRELL, Chairman.

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E—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Finance Committee report. That we have examined the Treasurer's report, and find it correct. The following amounts were sent up by the Churches for the objects specified:

For Associational purposes.....	\$102 40
For Domestic purposes.....	15 60
For Foreign purposes.....	11 00
For Indian purposes.....	3 85
Total.....	\$132 85
Collected on Lord's Day for Domestic Missions.....	\$ 9 06
For Foreign Missions.....	11 66
For Indian Missions.....	7 10
Collected on Monday for Cuban House of Worship at Havana.....	20 00
The Secretary received from Hickory Church after Association.....	2 00
	\$ 182 67

Respectfully submitted.

A. T. JOHNSTON, Chm'n.

F—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee submit the following: That as this body already stands on record as being firmly opposed to the liquor traffic, and in favor of Prohibition, it is but right that we again and again repeat and reiterate these sentiments in our public assemblies. We should not only encourage it in public assemblies, but we must maintain and support it firmly, individually and personally, in word and deed. To publish these things to the world in wordy, flashy resolutions in our minutes, periodicals, and papers, and not maintain them individually and privately, will do but little good. Hence, we would urge upon the churches a faithful, rigid discipline relating to the use of intoxicating liquors by the members of the Churches.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. ARNOLD, Chm'n.

G—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee does not feel called upon to report on books or general literature; but the taking and reading of such denominational papers as will be profitable to our people, and make them more active, intelligent, and united in their work. A paper the most learned may not be best suited to the needs of our people, as few of them have reached high attainments in literature, nor will they for years to come. The great majority of the membership of our Churches now belong, and must continue to belong to the class known as common. Hence, we need a paper that will adapt itself to our necessities, and give us aid and comfort in the sphere in which we live and work. We acknowledge the ability and usefulness of the S. B. Record, printed at

Meridian; yet we feel that it is deficient in those qualities which would make it most useful to the Baptists of our State, especially the Eastern and Southern part of the State. We suggest to this Association and the Churches composing it, and to those working through the General Association, and to the Baptists of the State generally, the propriety of making an effort for better privileges. We therefore recommend this body to appoint a committee of five brethren, whose duty it shall be to investigate the matter and report to the coming session of the General Association with the consent of that body. We recommend for the present the taking and reading of the Southern Baptist Record, Home and Foreign Mission Journal, and for Sunday Schools, Kind Words.

Respectfully Submitted.

T. I. WELLS,
Chairman.

The following is the Committee provided for in the foregoing report, viz: Elder N. L. Clark, D. T. Chapman, A. J. Freeman, J. M. Moore, T. I. Wells, G. W. Rainer.

H—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee submit the following: It is gratifying to see the interest generally manifested in the work of education, not only in establishing high schools and colleges, but in the liberal patronage of said schools. Solomon has most emphatically said: "Get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding." Knowledge is to know; wisdom is the proper application of what we know. It is not only necessary to have a well digested curriculum, but for that curriculum to be taught properly. The moral and religious training should be an important feature in the school room, and in so doing seek to lay the foundation in wisdom. For the general education of our children we have the free school system covering the whole of our territory. We should seek to perfect the system and encourage the patronage of these schools, and should insist on our school commissioner that he grant certificates only to those well qualified to teach, and that have a good moral character. While we view with pleasure the advance educationally—may we not ask are we keeping abreast of the times denominationally? Are our ministry educating themselves so that they may be efficient teachers of the people? We insist on the ministers the necessity of thoroughly informing themselves so that they may be able to meet the wants of the people. We recommend Mississippi College, located at Clinton, Miss., as our denominational School. It has an efficient faculty, and is thorough in her teaching and discipline.

Submitted.

A. J. FREEMAN, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

N. L. Clark, Decatur,
L. P. Murrell, Lake,
D. Fore, Lake,
G. W. Rainer, Rainerville,
F. Vaughn, Chunkey Station,
W. P. Vaughn, Chunkey "
J. E. Chapman, Newton,
A. J. Freeman,
I. M. Philips, Harperville
H. O. White, Moore's Mill,
J. J. Ingram, Dixon,

S. J. Tailor, Edinburg,
J. M. Moore, Union,
J. M. Kelly, "
J. K. P. Shows, "
T. L. Moore, "
J. W. Arnold, "
T. I. Wells, Moore's Mill,
B. W. Dearing, Newton,
A. J. Cockroft, Lena Miss.,
L. B. Fancher, House, Miss.,
W. A. Brantly, Sebastopol.

LICENTIATES AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

F. Sansing, Union,
D. C. Payne, "
J. F. Pearson, Lena,
m. Sessums, "
T. M. Gould, Lake,
E. W. Sumrall, "
J. Hutson, Harperville,
W. G. Everett, Hickory,
W. R. Haily, Rainerville, "
J. H. Houston, Hickory,
D. M. Stroud, Hickory,

J. J. Barrett, Lucerne,
E. H. Garner, "
T. J. Williams, Decatur,
E. W. Breand, Dixon,
Joe Rushing, Harperville,
R. L. Herrington, Dixon,
Jos. White, Shealey,
H. Bruce, Decatur,
C. C. Arnold, Sebastopol,
T. J. R. Harwell, Lucerne.

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH—PREAMBLE.

We the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently, the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world, that he calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed

to them are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the Man Christ Jesus—who by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline, agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and Lawgiver of His church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the Ordinance of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the Ordinances of the gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to exclude from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore this association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches, the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondent when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the gospel, in good standing, though not delegates may be invited to seats in the association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own By-Laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no members under church-censure, shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceeding associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the association may direct.

4. This association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred—three, until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall arise from his seat and address the moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the moderator; subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over whenever necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICES.	NAME OF DELEGATES.	Baptized	Recd by letter	Restored	Trans by letter	Excluded	Dead	Males	Females	Colored	Total number	No. of minutes	Associational Fund	Domestic missions.	Foreign mis- sions	Indian mis- sions	Court. gen. al asso. mission in 1888	Time meeting	Licentiate	Orcl. ministers	PASTORS.
County Line	Neshoba	Union	F Sansing, B W Sansing	1	10	1	5		25	35		60	20	2 00					6 00	4	1		F W Boy
Concord	Jasper	Garlandville	T H Harris, T W Braddock				7		12	17		29	10	1 00						2			A J Freeman
Cross Roads	Newton	Decatur	M F Mann, H Bruce	8	1		9		26	33		59	25	2 50					5 50	4	1		G W Rainer
Center Ridge	Newton	Moore's Mill	W M Sadler, J S Wells		1				8	14		22	15	1 50						3			J M Moore
Bethlehem	Newton	Union	T D Gordon	1	13			5	19	29		49	15	1 50					4 10	2			J E Chapman
Bethel	Newton	Newton	J E Chapman, B W Dearing		2	1	2	1	30	46		76	25	2 50					3 00	3	2		G W Briland
Bethel	Neshoba	House	L B Faucher, S D Chesney	5	2			2				26	15	2 55						4			S J Tullo
Bethany	Neshoba	Hope	S J Tulos, J M Porter	3	8	2		1	19	24		43	12	2 00						1			H O White
Beulah	Newton	Shealey	Wm Graham	7	1	1	3	12	1	90	106	2	198	50	5 00				11 05	4	1		N L Clark
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	Clark, Johnston, Coker, T L Moore	17	2			2	1	68	103	17	188	75	7 50				76 00	2	1		L B Fancher
Enon	Neshoba	Union		1																1			J J Ingram
Ebenezer	Neshoba	Beach Spring	J C McBeath, W N Thomas				7	5	1	24	27	51		1 00						1			H J Smith
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	E N Robinson, H Robinson	4			3	1		28	46	74	15	1 50			4 00		6 00	3	1	1	A J Cockroft
Fellowship	Leake	Walnut Grove	J M Oxner, H K Coleman				2					41	15	1 50					11 00	3			M B Mann
Friendship	Leake	Lena	W Tolbar	10	4				27	56		83	30	3 00	1 50	1 50				2			A J Freeman
Garlandville	Jasper	Garlandville	J D Hardy, Aaron Pearce				1	1	6	10		16	10	1 00					6 40				J E Chapman
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	D M Stroud	1	2	2	1		12	12		24	15	1 50					2 50	2	1		D Fore
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	G W Wolf				1	1	8	8		16	8	50	85	85				4			N L Clark
Hickory	Newton	Hickory		3	2		1		13	21		34	20	2 00					10 00	1			M B Mann
Harperville	Scott	Harperville	T J Hamilton, W D Thompson	1	3	7	1		1	29	41	70	20	2 75						3			J H Grundy
Lake	Scott	Lake	T M Gould, A N Morgan		5		7		16	24		40	18	1 80	3 75	3 50				2			J J Ingram
Linwood	Neshoba	Sierra	J J Ingram	1	2	1			20	26		46	15	2 00						1			N L Clark
Liberty	Newton	Battle: 1	J A Scott, W A Butler	5	10		3	2	11	17		28	15	1 50						3			T L Moore
Mt. Sinal	Neshoba	Dixon	F M Lewis	3	3	1	7	3	2			78	30	3 00						3			A J Freeman
Midway	Newton	Newton	A J Freeman	3	3	1			11	21		32	15	1 50					7 00	3		1	G W Rainer
Mt. Vernon	Newton	Hickory	L A Davis, T M Kenedy	1	2	1			30	40		70	24	2 40					3 00	2			T I Wells, W P Vaughn
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	Chunkey Station	W P Vaughn, T J Graham	1	1		6	3	1	30	40	70	24	2 40					9 05	2		1	
New Prospect	Lauderdale	Chunkey Station		10	7		1		1	17	49	1	67	30	3 00					2			L B Fancher
New Hope	Neshoba	Union	J M Smith, G G Chipman						5	11		16	10							1			J W Arnold
New Prospect	Newton	Lucerne	J T Savel	5	6		2	5	1	34	47	81	30	3 00	1 00	2 00	1 00		4 10	3	2		D Fore
New Hope	Scott	Lake	G G Gould, Robert McGee	3	2	1	22	2	1	34	53	87	20	3 00						1			N L Clark
Newton	Newton	Newton	J J Phillips	2	4			1	20	20		40	21	2 10	3 00					4			T I Wells
Oakland	Newton	Moore's Mill	T I Wells, G V Rainer		3		4	1	2	13	30	43	20	2 15					12 35	4			J M Phillips
Old Union	Newton	Newton	A W Petty, J M Hutson	1	4		2		30	45		75	40	4 00					35 00	1	1	3	L M Phillips
Pleasant Hill	Scott	Harperville	L P Murrell, J P Pace, W L Kell	2	1		9	1	10	22		32								4	1		L P Murrell
Pine Ridge	Newton	Conehatta		8	4		9	2	2	44	91	135							18 00	1		1	J W Arnold
Pinkney	Newton	Stamper	C C Roebuck, J W Arnold						1	16	14	30	20	2 50						4		1	G W Rainer
Poplar Springs	Newton	Newton	W W Hall	7	4		3	2	44	91		135	35	3 50					400	1			B W Dearing
Prairie Concord	Newton	Newton	W L Peppia	3			6		12	22		34	10	1 00						2			B W Dearing
Pine Bluff	Newton	Newton	S K Everett, W Burt	2	3				15	18		33	15	1 50					4 00	1			J E Chapman
Randall Hill	Jasper	Jewel Hill	J D McCord		1		2	1	19	29	1	49	15	1 50					4 80	4			J M Moore
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	J K Cleveland, H W Laird	3	2	1	3	1	24	36		60	25	2 50					21 00	3			J H Grundy
Salem	Scott	Forest	W R Graham, I M Nichols	1	1		2		2	6	13	19	10	1 00	4 00					3			L M Phillips
Sulphur Springs	Scott	Domascus	H J Connel, M L Cloud				1		18	27	3	48	15	1 50						3			H O White
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	J M Houston		1	4		1	2	6	11	17	12	1 20					2 50	3	1		L M Phillips
Sardis	Leake	Sebastopol	C C Arnold	1	3		2	1	1	14	27	41	12	1 50						1			J M Moore
Union	Newton	Union	J M Moore	7	6	6			1	22	19	41	20	2 00					6 00	1		1	L M Phillips
Union	Scott	Harperville	L A Phillips, Joe Rushing				8	1	20	32		52	20	2 00						3	1	1	S C Eastman
Woodland	Neshoba	Laurel Hill	W O Barham, R L White		3		1		9	10		19	12	1 00	1 50	1 50	2 00			1			
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